

**Maricopa County Trail Commission
Commission Meeting
(A.R.S.§38-847 and A.R.S. §38-431.02)
December 18, 2002**

LOCATION:	Maricopa County Department of Transportation, 2901 W. Durango St. (Maricopa Room) Phoenix, AZ 85009
COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:	Laurel Arndt, James Burke, Bruce Ellison, Robert Jones, Supervisor Andrew Kunasek, Rick Mellegard (for Carol Erwin), Fred Pfeifer, Art Wirtz, Felipe Zubia
COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jim Duncan, Bill Lanford, Chairman Don Stapley
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tom Buick, Mike Ellegood, Joy Rich, William Scalzo

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor Andrew Kunasek called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Roll call was taken – a quorum was present.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Commissioner Arndt moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2002 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zubia. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) **SET COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2003** – The proposed Trail Commission meeting dates for 2003 are:
 - Wednesday, March 19, 2003
 - Wednesday, June 18, 2003
 - Wednesday, September 17, 2003
 - Wednesday, December 17, 2003

Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Trail Commission meeting dates as set. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ellison. Motion carried unanimously.

5) INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAIL STAFF

Mr. Scalzo informed the Commission that an offer had been made to fill the Regional Trail Program Manager position. He also introduced Carole Songer who will coordinate the Trail Commission matters.

Mr. Kempton introduced Kristen Mandeville and John Lynch, the two new Trail Planners.

6) PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Mr. Kempton informed the Commission that the Maricopa County Regional Trail System Plan will soon be on the MCDOT web site and available on CDs. He updated the Commission on the status of the Central Arizona Project (CAP) Feasibility Study to be completed in August 2003. Mr. Kempton distributed copies of the Maricopa County Regional Trail System Plan,

Executive Summary (Phase One) and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) which features included the Maricopa County Bicycle Transportation System Plan and the Maricopa County Regional Trail System Plan.

Mr. Lynch informed the Commission that reactions to the proposed trail system plan have been very favorable. Impacted jurisdictions such as the Gila River Indian Community asked that presentations be made to each of the seven districts.

7) STATUS UPDATE ON THE CONCEPT PLAN AND ANALYSIS FOR POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM REGIONAL TRAIL FACILITY WITHIN THE MC MICKEN DAM CORRIDOR

Mr. Holcomb of the Flood Control District presented the Interim Trail Concept Plan and Analysis. The corridor extends from the White Tanks to the Agua Fria River, approximately twenty (20) miles.

8) CALL TO THE COMMISSION

Mr. Ellegood proposed a tour of the McMicken Dam corridor, which will be coordinated by staff. He also spoke to the operation and maintenance cost issue.

Commissioner Burke stated the City of Phoenix used both staff and volunteers to maintain existing trails.

Mr. Scalzo suggested that trail segment sponsors be responsible for maintenance.

Mr. Buick suggested that the Regional Trail be part of the Regional Transportation Authority.

Mr. Pfeifer inquired as to the selection of the trail name. Discussion was held and the issue will be on the March 19, 2003 agenda.

9) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.